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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 1997, at 2 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1997

The Senate met at 11 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable TIM HUTCHINSON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

PRAYER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Jack Michael Loo, of the Church of the Master, in Mission Viejo, CA.

Almighty Living God, You have given us the gift of another day and have filled it with Your holy presence. We commit ourselves to honor You with the living of each hour. But no matter how noble our resolve, we confess our weaknesses and our frailties and declare our deep need of Your strength.

Strengthen our love for people so that every action we take on their behalf is driven by the same compassion that drives Your heart. Increase our faith so that no difficulty or discouragement keeps us from believing in what is right and Your ability to accomplish it through us.

Deepen our wisdom so that every confusing situation and perplexing issue gets tamed by Your enlightenment and knowledge. Mobilize our courage so that once we see what must be done, nothing, not even our own fears, will keep us from doing it.

This day may we know that we are Your people and You are our God. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 7, 1997.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM HUTCHINSON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. HUTCHINSON thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Utah.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, we are pleased to welcome the Reverend Jack Michael Loo as guest Chaplain today.

For the past 4 years, Reverend Loo has been senior pastor of the Church of the Master in Mission Viejo, CA. Prior to that, he served as executive pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, where Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, our Chaplain, was senior pastor prior to becoming Senate Chaplain.

We want to express our personal gratitude and thanks to Reverend Loo for opening our session today with his excellent prayer.

I was particularly pleased that he said in spite of our fears we should stand up and do what is right.

We are grateful to have you here and are grateful for your prayer over this body. We appreciate the service which you give to your congregation and to the people throughout this country.

Thank you so much.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I will announce the schedule.

Today the Senate will be resuming consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 1, the constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. The majority leader announced that there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. Under the order the time between now and 1 o'clock will be equally divided in the usual form. I will remind all Senators that by consent we will resume debate on Senator DURBIN's pending amendment at 3:30 on Monday. There will be 2 hours for debate at that time. Senators should be aware that there will be a rollcall vote on or in relation to the Durbin amendment beginning at 5:30 on Monday, February 10. On Monday, Senator WELLSTONE is expected to offer at least two amendments to Senate Joint Resolution 1. However, any votes ordered on those amendments will occur during Tuesday's session.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration

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